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Mr. Oscar Schisgall

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Dear Mr. Schisgall:

Thank you for your letter of 4 October 1959 regarding a story in the press in which Mr. Khrushchev is reported to have made certain statements in Los Angeles to Ambassador Lodge and others while on an automobile ride, and which Mr. Victor M. Carter, the city's official guide, allegedly gave to the LOS ANGELES EXAMINER.

When this story was brought to the attention of Mr. Dulles, he laughingly reserved comment but added "Mr. Khrushchev is quite a propagandist, isn't he?" There has been no other statement by Mr. Dulles or any other official of CIA. It is the policy of CIA not to make public comment on anything that appears in print regarding the Agency or its activities, regardless of whether the comment is favorable or unfavorable. We do not deny or confirm or [] as a matter of policy because of the secret and sensitive nature of the Agency.

Your offer, therefore, to do a magazine article and to discuss this subject is one that we appreciate but which we cannot accept. Thank you for having checked with us.

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